

A Little piece of my
work for you Dear Eliza
with Love and Best wishes
Mrs. Dicktrach



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Dear Dr. Hasmith

Many, many thanks
for the lovely Christmas flowers.
It was the sweetest surprise
I had, for I never dreamed
of receiving such a greeting
from one so far away.
We had such a happy
Christmas at my sister's!

But I had to celebrate the
Sunday after with Toussaint
and was laid up for the
rest of the holidays. That
Sunday I went to church
with the Bandens, dining
with them afterwards and
incidentally hearing some
very nice things about you.
It seems to me that
Mr. Banden misses you

very much. You should see
the new church! It is gor-
geousness itself. The color
scheme is beautiful and the
window a dream, but there is
something about it all that is
not conducive to worship - too
much comfort I fear. Last Sun-
day I was coming from the
Ballantyne's just as the con-
gregation was assembling and
there was a line of limousines
as far as one could see.

Mrs. Haff is looking so well
and is as busy as ever. I
suppose she has told you of
the splendid school we have
this year. Her evening class
has outgrown the studio and
now meets in the large

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Hall. The girls are all
enthusiastic about it and
are crazy about Mrs. May.
But she gives them so
much. I'm not sur-
prised.

Everyone is busy knitting
for the soldiers. I think
we shall realize the

war much more when you
get to the front. We often
think of you and hope you
are not having too hard a
time. The distress in the
city is very great. In
a letter from my sister
in the South, she says
they are hit very hard there;
that the South has never
been in such distress. 38.6

It is so pathetic, for, when I was
there in June they were looking
forward to such good times
and prosperity.

Mr. Ahrens has just tele-
phoned wanting us to go out
to see a new picture. I hope
we shall be able to manage
it.

What do you think of Mrs.
Magg's book? So many lovely
things have been said about
it, I'm afraid her head will
be turned.

I have meant to
write and tell you how much
we liked your description of
Lord Roberts' funeral. It was
beautiful. With kindest regards
and all good wishes for the
New Year — very sincerely
Mary M. Hall



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